

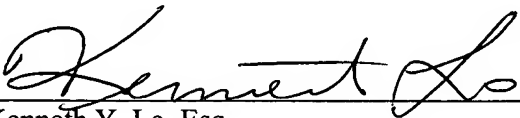
REMARKS

Applicants cancelled claims 4, 5, 6, 8, 16, 17, 19-25, 28, 30-36, 43-51, 56-59, 62, 66, 67, 69-72, 75-77, 80, 81, 84, 84, 87-90, 93, 96, 98-100, 102, 103, 106, 107 and 109. Claims 1-3, 7, 9-15, 18, 26, 27, 29, 37-41, 52-55, 60, 61, 63-65, 68, 73, 74, 78, 79, 82, 83, 85, 86, 91, 92, 94, 95, 97, 101, 104, 105, 108, and 110-117 are now pending. Applicants request that these amendments be entered prior to examination and prior to calculation of the fees.

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